

**Introduced by Senator Beall**August 11, 2016

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Senate Resolution No. 86—Relative to mental health.

1 WHEREAS, The Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act  
2 of 2016 (the act) would make available needed psychiatric,  
3 psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental  
4 illness and families in mental health crisis; and

5 WHEREAS, The act would enhance crisis response services,  
6 increase mental health workforce, promote early intervention for  
7 mental illness, and support integration of mental health, substance  
8 use, and primary care; and

9 WHEREAS, Mental illness affects all segments of society, and  
10 can have a devastating effect on the lives and families it touches,  
11 especially if left untreated; and

12 WHEREAS, Nearly 10 million Americans have serious mental  
13 illness, but millions are going without treatment as families struggle  
14 to find care for their loved ones; and

15 WHEREAS, The act has wide bipartisan support and recently  
16 passed out of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce by  
17 a vote of 53-0; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate  
19 of the State of California requests the Congress of the United States  
20 to pass the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2016  
21 (H.R. 2646), and further requests President Barack Obama to sign  
22 that legislation; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
24 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
25 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
26 Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative

- 1 from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the
- 2 author for appropriate distribution.

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